

ANNUAL MEETINGS HELD.

Stockholders Hear Favorable Reports and Elect Officers.

RESOLUTION OF RESPECT PASSED.

The Companies were the Richmond and Petersburg and the Petersburg Railroad—Net Revenues Increased Considerably.

The annual meeting of the Richmond and Petersburg Railroad Company was held yesterday.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Major Fred. R. Scott, on whose motion Mr. Barton Hall was called to the chair and Mr. F. H. Fechtig was appointed secretary pro tem. The various reports from the officers were received and accepted.

Major Fred. R. Scott was unanimously re-elected president, Mr. H. Walters vice-president, and the following gentlemen were elected directors: W. T. Walters, H. Walters, W. F. Newcomer, W. G. Elliott and Dr. D. W. R. Lewis.

The following gentlemen were appointed as a committee for the next year: Captain Hall (chairman), John P. Branch, H. E. C. Bakerville, Charles Ellis and E. C. Lewis.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted by the stockholders of the Richmond and Petersburg Railroad Company:

Resolved, That the stockholders of the Richmond and Petersburg Railroad Company, in their annual meeting, do hereby express their regret that the late Mr. F. H. Fechtig, who for a number of years has been serving this company faithfully as one of its directors.

The president's report of the business done for the twelve months ending June 30, 1891, includes the following:

Net revenue from transportation, \$325,208.70
Operating expenses and taxes, 234,821.61
Excess from investments, 20,737.89

Net revenue, \$82,155.98
Interest on the debt and the usual 7 per cent dividend have been paid. The company has bought in and canceled \$20,000 of the 7 per cent mortgage bonds due in 1913.

Mr. H. Walters, general manager of the company, in his report said:

"Increasing business between Richmond and points reached via Petersburg has made it necessary to extend the freight service to include the city of Petersburg. It has also been necessary to increase the yard room in Manchester, which now extends practically three miles to Clifton, the station of the James river branch.

The handling of freight and terminals, neither in cars or on cars, has become more expensive as competition and the demands of the public have induced greater and more reliable service. The number of shipping, receiving and filling clerks has been increased, switching cars more frequently and repaired, and the engine and the more powerful and complete of the James river branch has been of the greatest service in the Atlantic Coast Line, but has placed upon our road largely increased terminal expenses.

In view of these facts it would seem but that our road, only twenty-three miles in length, should receive from the roads which connect it with the outside world, such increased facilities and expenses, and which have not been met by such such expenses for joint benefit, an allowance greater than the one now made and which would help secure to our stockholders a fair return upon these expenditures.

During the year new side track room at some points has been made, aggregating 21 miles at a cost of about \$5,000 per mile. New equipment has been put into service, aggregating a cost of \$10,000, and new depot was built at Chester. All these expenditures included in operating expenses and sum up \$47,000.

The improvements in the yard at Pocahontas have not yet been completed, but the very dangerous grade-crossing has been removed and everything is progressing satisfactorily.

The postmaster-general has notified us that this year the special facilities allowed by Congress would be diminished one-third, and has further notified us that if Congress left the matter at his discretion he would further reduce it next year. The loss of the amount to \$2,200.

It gives me pleasure to record that both officers and employees have been faithful to their duties.

PETERSBURG RAILROAD COMPANY.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Petersburg Railroad Company was also held yesterday. The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. W. G. Elliott, of the stockholders, Mr. J. H. Williams was called to the chair and Mr. F. H. Fechtig appointed secretary pro tem.

The reports of the various officers were received and accepted. Mr. W. G. Elliott was unanimously re-elected president and Mr. H. Walters was unanimously re-elected vice-president and the following gentlemen were elected directors: W. T. Walters, H. Walters, W. F. Newcomer, Dr. W. D. Lassiter and Dr. R. H. Scott.

The general manager submitted a report of his operations of the road for the twelve months ending June 30, 1891.

Total receipts, \$207,614.42
Total expenses and taxes, 133,850.61
Net receipts, \$73,763.81

The president in his report said:

"The gross receipts are stated and the expenses from which they were derived are set forth in detail in the general manager's report, as are also the costs of maintenance and operation as well as the other expenditures necessary to make it unnecessary to repeat them in this report.

"These reports show a most satisfactory record of the business of the company during the year.

The property of the company is in excellent condition and has been economically managed.

THEIR EARNINGS SEPARATE.

Since the consolidation of the Central Railroad of Georgia with the Richmond and Norfolk system, the earnings have been put into the general pool, but it is stated that the Central has received in this city instructions from the agents of the system to separate the earnings of the Central, keeping them separate from the balance of the line. The cause of this is not given in the order and has in authority profess not to know the reasons therefor.

PROPERTY TRANSFER.

Belmont City—C. L. Denon to M. F. Wicks, 35 feet on Grace street, southwest corner Harrison, \$2,500.

W. H. Gordon, Alexander H. Hagner and George S. Silas Shubert, 150 feet on Canal street, southeast corner Twelfth, \$3,000.

JUSTICE JOHN'S COURT.

The Frailty of Human Nature Was Exhaustively Exposed on Yesterday.

Justice John ascended the bench at 9:30 yesterday morning, and perched above the hosts of litigants like the American eagle above the field. There were a great many people present. Many of them had no business there and a great many of them had no business anywhere else, so they came, and when the sergeant announced the opening of the court there was a pleased expression visible which resembled the face of the congregation when the person closes the morning discourse.

The eclipse of the moon Sunday evening was a bad thing, for just in that dark hour while Luna hid her face and a multitude of men from their front steps, designated to peer behind the veil that shielded from their front gaze that pretty face, the average thief scaled the back fence and carried off everything from the red table cloth on the dining room table to the Thanksgiving-day goose in the back yard.

William Clarkson and Mrs. Martha Martin are neighbors; that is they were neighbors, but now it is safe to say they never speak as they look over the back fence at each other, and the end of the matter is that they are forever forbidden. Mrs. Martin charged Mr. Clarkson with using some very bad language toward her, and although the gentleman protested against the charge, another neighbor corroborated the testimony of Mrs. Martin and Mr. Clarkson paid \$2.50 for his alleged use of adjectives.

John Ford and his wife Mary were in court, and Mary charged John with beating her. John's defense was that he never beat her, but that she was a drunkard and that he was rather apt, as Mary somewhat intimated her intention of breaking the combination.

"Did you folks go to church last night?" asked the Justice.

"I did," replied Mary, "but he didn't go," pointing to John.

"Why didn't you go, sir?" asked the Justice.

"She didn't let me go," responded John.

Then Mary spoke out and said: "Your Honor, I've been a good wife to dat man, and I've never said nuthin' to him when he dun his job, but when he tuk to comin' home at 1 o'clock in de mornin' I got tired, and I 'cused him of bein' 'loafin' of me; den he beat me, dat s' all."

"Ten dollars, John," said his Honor, and the wife went home and John went into the pen in default for fifteen days for stealing a dress belonging to Mrs. P. H. Sutherland. Giles B. Jackson, the colored orator, seemed resentful of the lead which John Jasper got on him Sunday by preaching his love of dress, and he delivered one of his most eloquent discourses in behalf of Sarah. Sarah, he said, had only borrowed the dress to wear on Sunday, as her mistress was confined to her room. Giles repeated the story of the thirty maids and cooks arrested a few days ago and all found to be arrayed in the dresses of the people whom they served. He stated that no stealing was proven then, and that none could be claimed now. He gave a lovely poetic description of a woman's love of dress, and of the many evils that result therefrom, and closed with an appeal for her liberty. His Honor could not appreciate the situation and sent Sarah where one dress will last her until she comes out.

Robert Crenshaw was charged with breaking into the store of R. H. Hayes and stealing some clothing, and the jury found him guilty. He was sent on to the grand jury. He was also fined \$20 for carrying concealed weapons.

Rosa Walker was fined \$5 for abusing her mother, Georgia Walker.

Mary Gregory, Josephine Barnes and Lemon Gregory were all mixed up in a general fight, which occurred in the kitchen of a prominent family. The trio were dismissed with costs.

Mary Brown was fined \$2.50 and in default went into the pen six days for cursing and abusing James Rogers.

Clarence Brown was charged with vagrancy. There was no specific charge against him, but the orator stated that he was a stranger and he took him in. The Justice dismissed him, with the warning to leave the city at once.

John Jackson was sent on to the grand jury for assaulting Moses Miller with a brick.

Mason Bacon stole the overcoat of Mr. George F. Jones. He was sent on to the hustings court.

Jack Grant and Charles Douglas were each fined \$2 for being disorderly on the streets.

William Cooper and Caroline Harris were considered as persons of "unsound minds," and commissions of lunacy were ordered for them. James Henry Walker, Michael W. P. S. and Charles Young were fined \$5 each for being drunk on the Sabbath.

John Lehman, Alex. White, Thomas Jordan, Birnie Moore, B. F. Murtishaw, A. B. Antolik, paid \$2 each for being drunk.

Helle Watts (widow) was fined \$5 for interfering with police officers while in the discharge of their duties.

Supreme Court of Appeals.—Ronsack Machine Company against Woodward. Further argued by A. A. Phlegar, Esq., and Judge W. R. Staples for appellants, and A. H. Burroughs, Esq., for appellees, and submitted.

City Court.—Judge H. H. Mavor against Mattie L. Hottel. Judge Hottel further read the evidence and adjourned until this morning at 10 o'clock.

The case of Lewis against Casey will also be heard today.

Suit instituted Snyder vs. Blankford against J. H. Dugger. Action of assumpsit on account. Damages, \$200.

WEDDING BELLS.

Mr. Charles A. Peple of Richmond Wins One of the North State's Finest Daughters.

Old St. John's, in Williamsborough, the oldest church in North Carolina, was the scene of a handsome morning wedding on the 16th, when Miss Louise Hardy and Mr. Charles A. Peple were married.

The church and chancel were beautifully decorated with evergreens, palms and chrysanthemums and the soft glow of the many candles made the scene a most lovely one. The ceremony was the same as of old, with its sacred pledges, its whispered vows, and its solemn placing of the ring, which through centuries past has united lives "for better, for worse, till death us do part."

The bride is the accomplished daughter of Capt. William T. Hardy, formerly of Norfolk, but for many years a resident of Williamsborough, Vance county, N. C.

THE NEWS OF MANCHESTER.

Facts of Interest Gathered on 'Tother Side of the James.

MR. GEORGE YADEN DIED YESTERDAY.

Chesterfield's Budget Replete With Matters of Interest—General Wish That Judge Clifton be Reappointed—Personal.

MANCHESTER BUREAU (RICHMOND TIMES.)
Branch Office, corner Fifth and Porter streets.

Mr. John Lester, of Chesterfield, was in the city yesterday. A TIXEN man was on last Sunday shown some of the prettiest tobacco ever grown in Chesterfield county, which was cured by Mr. Lester. It will be remembered that it was his tobacco that took first premium in the Chesterfield exhibit at the recent Fair. He has quite a quantity of the weed.

The new Tomahawk church is nearing completion, and when finished will be one of the prettiest churches in the county. The cornerstone was laid on the 13th of last month with much pomp and circumstance. The church is about four miles from Middlethorpe.

Work is progressing very favorably on the old Grove shaft mine at Confield. The water has been drawn off, and the stone and dirt work is being done in the explosion is being removed. As soon as this is accomplished the shaft will be deepened.

Mr. W. F. Deffen is looking for coal on the old Midlothian tract on Swift creek. A shaft has been dug about 100 feet deep, and the present indications are that an excellent bed of coal will be found.

Rev. H. W. Hines preached to a large congregation at Tomahawk church Sunday afternoon.

Judge B. A. Hancock has just returned from Prince George court, where he tried two cases against the Norfolk and Western railroad. In one case a verdict was given against the railroad for \$2,000, and the other was compromised after the trial commenced.

It is understood that a meeting of the Chesterfield and Manchester Agricultural and Mechanical Society will be called for next Saturday, to be held in Leech Hall.

A union of the two Sunday schools in and around Middlethorpe will be held at St. James Methodist church, Middlethorpe, on the fifth Sunday of this month. Major Robert Stiles and Judge B. A. Hancock have been invited to speak.

Chesterfield Circuit Court met yesterday. Judge B. A. Hancock on the bench. A considerable amount of chancery business was transacted and the common law docket for the session was arranged. The case of Owen against the Richmond and Danville railroad was compromised. Messrs. Hill Carter and Edgar Allan represented the plaintiffs and Mr. Beverly Munford appeared for the railroad company. Several other railroad cases will come up the most important being that of the Richmond and Danville railroad against the Middlethorpe and James river railroad. The latter is the counsel for the plaintiffs and B. B. Munford for the defendant. This case is set for Friday. The court will not be in session Thursday and will adjourn for the term Monday.

One of the saddest visitations of providence and that dread malady, diphtheria, of late, was the cause of the death of a young girl, Sarah, in Chesterfield county. Within the past four months four of her children have fallen victims to the fearful disease. The saddest of these sad deaths was that of Miss Sarah, wife of Mr. W. F. Deffen, which occurred Friday week ago, at the residence of her father. Deceased was widely known and greatly beloved in the county, and leaves a husband, a number of relatives and a host of friends to mourn their loss.

The funeral of Mrs. W. F. Deffen will be held at 10 o'clock on Saturday at the home of Rev. H. W. Hines, at Tomahawk, where a large number of relatives and friends will be present. It is reported that diphtheria has entirely disappeared from the county.

There was a big negro baptizing at Spring Creek church in Chesterfield county. The dusky denizens from all parts of the county and Manchester congregated there and much chanting and shaking of hands were indulged in. It is understood that forty-six candidates received the ordinance and there was a great rejoicing on the part of the brethren.

The funeral of Mrs. William Magee took place Sunday at Salem Baptist church and was largely attended by sympathetic friends. Rev. T. J. Nettles conducted the services.

Judge John H. Ingram was in Norfolk yesterday attending the funeral of Judge Clifton. The Norfolk papers speak in high terms of the character of deceased. He was president of the Bank of Commerce, senior member of the firm of J. A. Williams & Co., a member of the board of directors of the Seaboard and Roanoke railroad, a comrade of Pickett-Buchanan Camp, Confederate Veterans, and a past regent of Pocahontas Council, No. 493, Royal Arcanum.

JUDGE CLIFTON.

One of the most important things that the most Hon. of the Legislature will do will be the appointment of the judges for the various districts. A recommendation signed by most of the legal fraternity practicing in the county court, together with a petition signed by very many of the most prominent citizens of the county, will be presented to the next Legislature recommending the reappointment of Judge William L. Clifton, the present incumbent. There is certainly no more popular citizen or learned gentleman in this district, and no appointment that would be so generally approved as that of Judge Clifton. He has been in the position he has held so long and with such distinguished ability. This judgeship was held by Judge Clifton from 1873 to 1879. He was then put out by the Legislature. When the Democratic party came to power Judge Clifton was once again reinstated, and has since, since the position with pronounced credit to himself and entire satisfaction to all who have had occasion to come in connection with his court. He is one of the best judges in the county in the country. His residence is valued at about \$15,000. His many friends in the county and this city feel confident of his reappointment.

MR. YADEN DEAD.

Mr. George Yaden, a well-known and popular citizen of this city, died yesterday morning at his residence on Cowardin avenue. He had been in ill health for some time. A few months ago he had a paralytic stroke, and though he rallied from the effects he never entirely recovered. He was a member of the Young Men's Christian Association of the city, and has recently held a similar position on the Richmond and Petersburg railroad. He was a son of the late Austin Yaden, and his death has occasioned much sorrow in the community. The funeral will be held at 3 o'clock on Monday at the Central Methodist church. Rev. C. N. Van Houten will conduct the services.

Mr. Fleming Morgan, one of the oldest and most highly-respected citizens of this city, died Sunday at 1:30 o'clock, in the eighty-second year of his age. He was the eldest son of the late Peter K. Morgan, who for nearly three-quarters of a century was prominent in Manchester affairs, and who died about ten years ago at the age of ninety-eight. He had four children, only one of whom survives him—Mr. Charles Morgan, of Richmond. His son William, who was captain of Company F of Richmond, was killed in one of the battles near Fredericksburg during the late war. James, another son, died in North America. His daughter, Mrs. Pickett, died a few years ago. He was a man greatly beloved by all who knew him, and his death has occasioned profound sorrow in the community, where he has lived so long. The funeral took place at 3 o'clock yesterday, and the interment took place in Hollywood.

RUN OVER AND KILLED.

Ned McGhee, a negro brakeman, fell from the rear end of a train moving backwards on the Richmond and Alleghany division of the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad, at 1 o'clock yesterday morning. He was run over by the engine and was so horribly mangled that he died in a few minutes. His body was turned over to his friend in the funeral home and was buried in Manchester.

BRIEF MENTION.

There will be a meeting of the stockholders of the Richmond and Manchester railroads to the

day for the election of officers and the transaction of other matters of interest.

Mr. Bernard P. Yaden and wife (nee Miss Sublett) returned last evening from their bridal tour North.

Many Manchesterians saw the beautiful and strange phenomena of the moon in eclipse last night.

Mayor Atkinson had only one case before him yesterday morning. The continuance of William Barham charged with keeping a disorderly and disorderly house, came up. There being no evidence to convict the accused he was discharged.

A protracted meeting is in progress at Cowardin-avenue Christian church, which is being largely attended.

There was a large and interested crowd at the gospel meeting in Leech Hall Sunday afternoon, under the auspices of the railroad branch of the Young Men's Christian Association.

There were a number of Manchester Nimrods in the fields and woods of Chesterfield yesterday, and game is reported as thick as English sparrows on Franklin street.

Rev. J. K. Mason, of Richmond, preached to a large congregation at Meade Memorial church last night. There will be services at this place of worship every night during the present week.

Miss B. B. Terrill, who has been visiting Mrs. D. L. Pulliam has returned to her home in King William county.

Little Rufus Whitton, who was accidentally shot Friday evening, is reported improving. An exclusive account of the accident appeared in these columns Sunday.

Mrs. D. L. Pulliam continues quittance at the residence of her husband on Porter street.

Dr. S. L. Ingram is detained at home by serious indisposition.

INTERESTING MEETING.

British Residents are Advised to Take Out Naturalization Papers.

A mass meeting of British residents was held at Wilkinson Hall last evening. The meeting was under the auspices of Sir Walter Raleigh Lodge of the Order of Sons of St. George, and Mr. J. Henry Williams, of Philadelphia, worthy grand secretary of the order and editor of the British-American, was present and delivered an address. He talked interestingly on the objects and benefits of the order. He advocated the naturalization of all British residents as being beneficial to themselves and useful in strengthening the bonds of friendship between the two great English speaking nations.

The address was enthusiastically received, and following it several new applications for membership were handed in. The evening was further spent in singing National airs and social conversation.

A discussion of the question of establishing another lodge of the order in this city took place, and it was determined that with the considerable number of Englishmen in Richmond and immediate vicinity that the plan was entirely feasible and efforts will be made to carry it out.

Messrs. J. S. Walters, president, and J. J. Gann, secretary of the lodge, also addressed the meeting, and the latter presented practical illustrations of the benefits conferred on Englishmen in distress by this organization.

All the Englishmen present were aroused, the emblematic flower of the mother country.

Grand Secretary Williams is accompanied by two friends from Philadelphia, State Senators, Mr. and Mrs. James L. Hall, of the Sunday Dispatch of that city, and they are well armed for a season of hunting. They were out yesterday in the fields around Richmond and bagged a considerable number of birds.

Today they leave for the Indian reservation on the Pamunkey with several English residents of Richmond to hunt deer and other game. Mr. Williams will return Thursday in time to attend the regular meeting of the lodge on Friday night, and return home Friday morning. The Philadelphians express themselves as much pleased with what they have seen in Richmond.

MARRIED IN WASHINGTON.

A Romantic Courtship Consummated at the National Capital on Saturday.

A marriage occurred in Washington city Saturday of a Virginia couple which was dashed with a degree of love and romance that adds to the interest of the event. Mr. A. T. Dugger, formerly of Mecklenburg county, in the State of North Carolina, an industrial paper published in this city, met a Virginia young lady several years ago in a distant State and an attachment was formed, which resulted in an engagement. She returned to her home in Loudoun county and he to another part of Virginia. During these months a correspondence was kept up, but with the exception of one passing visit they saw nothing of each other until Saturday, when Mr. Dugger, hearing that the young lady was in Washington, paid that city a visit, where they met.

The two still being of the same mind determined that they would give their friends a surprise and returning to the home of Rev. C. G. Gilbert with two friends who alone were let into the secret, they were married. The young lady was Miss F. Leola James, daughter of Mr. Mason James, a well known citizen of Round Hill, Loudoun county.

The ceremony was performed by Mr. Dugger returned to her father's home to make arrangements for joining her husband in Richmond, where he had to make an immediate return to meet business engagements.

Capital Items.

The political disabilities of W. H. Turner, of Warwick county, were removed yesterday by the Governor. Turner was convicted of manslaughter in 1883 and sentenced to one year in the penitentiary. This action was requested by Judge Peck and many other citizens.

Hon. Lyon G. Tyler, president of the William and Mary College, was at the Capitol yesterday.

S. A. Jarvis, sheriff of Northampton county, was at the Capitol yesterday.

Senator-elect Lawson, of Lunenburg and Nottoway counties, was a visitor at the State House yesterday.

Messrs. John R. Minor and T. N. Trevillian, of Charlottesville, were at the Capitol yesterday.

The Ambulance Corps, to form an attachment to the first regiment, was organized at the armory last evening. Colonel Jones, Major Mercer, surgeon of the regiment, and other officers were present, and the names of fifteen members were enrolled and ordered to report next Monday night for their first instruction.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES MET.

Matters Pertaining to the Streets and New City Hall Discussed.

MR. G. E. FISHER WANTS T RAILS LAID.

Captain Curtis Elected Chairman of the Grounds and Buildings Committee—How Work is Progressing on the City Hall.

The Committee on Streets held their regular semi-monthly meeting in the office of the City Engineer last evening. Chairman Capers and Messrs. Brauer, Thomas, Turpin, Bahen, H. L. Carter, Curtis, Stratton, White and J. W. Carter were present.

City Engineer Cuthaw was in attendance, and President Fisher and Superintendent Willer, of the Richmond Railway and Electric Company, looked after the interests of that company.

A petition was presented by Messrs. P. H. Mayo & Brother and others asking for the constructing of a sewer on Fourth street, between the south side of Broad street and Marshall street. It was decided that the sewer be built without funds are available.

Allegations were heard for the grading and graveling of the alley between Byrd and Arch and Third and Fourth streets, and a petition to have the work done was rejected, a majority of the abutting property-owners being opposed to it.

A petition from the Richmond Railway and Electric Company asking permission to extend their road from Twenty-first and Broad streets along Broad to Twenty-fourth street was presented.

The matter was referred to the Ward Committee in connection with the City Engineer, with instruction to report back to the committee.

The bill of Mr. J. T. Maynard for the construction of a sewer on Fifth street, amounting to \$1,500, was ordered to be paid.

The pay roll for the past two weeks was approved and a number of current bills were ordered to be paid.

A petition from the Richmond Railway and Electric Company to be allowed to take up the rails at the loop on Church hill and replace it by T rails caused considerable discussion. Captain Curtis stated that the people of Marshall ward were anxious to have the work done.

Colonel Cuthaw thought that the work should be delayed until next spring and Mr. H. L. Carter took the same view.

Mr. Wyndham R. Meredith, counsel of the road, asked that the company be allowed to do the work now. Captain Curtis made a motion to that effect with the provision that the work be done at once if the City Attorney should decide that the committee have the right to decide what kind of a rail should be laid down.

Mr. Stratton moved to refer the whole matter to the City Attorney and City Engineer for report. The motion was carried.

Mr. J. W. Carter moved that pay be granted to Mr. J. W. Burnett for thirty days' work he has laid up on account of injuries which he received in an excavation on Governor street. The matter was referred to the City Engineer for report.

A communication was received from Mr. J. T. Maynard & Son stating the following: "The appropriation for paving sidewalks being about exhausted, we would like to continue the paving until the contract is again awarded, to be paid for as soon as the next appropriation is made."

The committee moved that the request be granted. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. J. W. Carter, H. C. Carter, Curtis, Stratton, White, Capers—6.
Nays—Messrs. Bahen, Brauer, Thomas, Turpin—4.

A petition was presented against the construction of a sewer on Federal street, between St. James and St. Peter's streets. A resolution ordering the work had been passed by the Common Council, but the Board of Aldermen referred the matter to the committee. It was decided to report the matter back to the Board with the recommendation to have the work done.

A joint resolution providing that the necessary funds be taken to acquire the piece of land on Broad street, Adams street and Brook avenue was referred back to the Board of Aldermen with the understanding that the committee deem it advisable to acquire the property at this time.

A petition to run a side-track across Rowe street from the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac railroad into a lot of T. W. Pemberton, between Broad and Marshall streets, was referred to the City Attorney.

The committee then adjourned.

ON THE RIVER.

The James River Improvement Committee will meet to-morrow afternoon on board of the tug-boat Craighill. Mayor Ellison has signed the resolution passed by the City Council which appropriates \$2,000 for improvements to be made in the harbor. The work is to be done under the supervision of the City Engineer.

The performance of "Carmen" last night proved conclusively that the Minnie Hank Opera Company is the finest organization of its kind that ever visited Richmond.

THE BEST 100 PIECE OF FINE SUN-CURED TOMATO CAN BE BOUGHT IN AMERICA AT HICKOK'S No. 1.

FLOUR.